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Sir:

[] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 2 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

[X] 4 sheet(s) of [] formal [X] informal drawing(s);

[] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [] hereby made to _____
 filed in _____ on _____;

[] in the declaration;

[] a certified copy of the priority document;

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[ ] an Assignment document;
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[] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

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--This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, which International Application [] was [] was not published by the International Bureau in English on _.--.

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.



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[X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	16	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$80.00 (102) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Application Fee					710.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (581) if Assignment document is enclosed					
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- [X] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
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